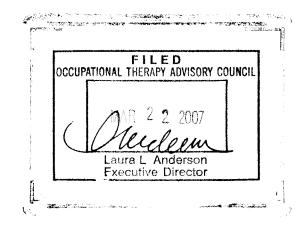
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF

SANDRA PACITTO License No. 46TR00259200 Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

LICENSED TO PRACTICE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council ("Council") upon receipt of information that Sandra Pacitto ("respondent") had engaged in conduct that violate the Council's regulations. Specifically, it has been alleged that while employed as an occupational therapist at Fox Rehabilitation Services, respondent failed to maintain accurate patient records and represented that she had provided occupational therapy services when she had not provided those services.

On April 13, 2006, respondent appeared with counsel, Ronald P. Sierzega, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Council. Respondent

acknowledged the conduct and testified that at the time, she had been under significant stress and suffered from depression and anxiety disorder.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that these facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h). It appears that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings. As respondent has taken steps to address the issues that contributed to the conduct and has expressed remorse for her failure to adhere to accepted professional standards, the Council finds that resolution of this matter through the entry of this consent order is consistent with the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore,

IT IS ON THIS DAY OF March, 2007,

## HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Sandra Pacitto is reprimanded for failing to maintain complete and accurate patient records, specifically for representing that she had provided occupational therapy services to clients when she had not provided those services.
- 2. Respondent shall successfully complete a record keeping course, not less than 6 hours in length, which shall include Medicare billing procedures, and shall, at her expense, fully attend and successfully complete either the ProBE (Professional Problem Based Ethics) course offered by the Ethics Group, 89 Summit Avenue, Summit, New Jersey 07901, or the PRIME (Professional Renewal In Medicine through Ethics) course offered by the Center for Continuing Education, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 97 Paterson Street, Room 124, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Courses shall be completed within six months of the date of the entry of this order.

3. Respondent shall continue in psychotherapy with Dr. Louise Gray (or any successor psychotherapist approved by the Council) and shall cause her psychotherapist to file quarterly reports to the Council regarding her progress in treatment and her continued ability to practice occupational therapy consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare. The Council will consider removing the requirement of continuing therapy upon the recommendation of the psychotherapist. For purposes of this order, the first report shall be due on April 1, 2007.

NEW JERSEY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

By: Buty Thomas, Chair

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Sandra Pacitto

<u> 311110</u>

Date

I consent to the entry of this order

as to form.

Ronald P. Sierzega, Esq.

3-14-07

Date

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RE: Sandra A. Pacitto
License No. 46TR00259200

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am pleased to enclose an executed *Consent Order* by my client and myself with regard to the above-captioned matter. Kindly provide my office with a filed copy of this Order.

By:

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, HOFFMAN DiMUZIO A Partnership of Professional Corporations

Ronald P. Sierzega, Esquire

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cc: Sandra Pacitto